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The levy falls equally upon all the owners whether they are members of the Established Church or not. The Church will cost £27,000 and under this old act the Parish Church Council, consisting of twelve heritors (or property owners), may impose a levy upon all the heritors of the parish for the building or maintenance of the Established Church. If the funds of the parish are insufficient the court has power to take civil proceedings for the recovery of the money.

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ODDS AND ENDS.

MAINLY SCISSORS LOOT.

Flying Tenders for Submarines.

The United States Navy has

decided to fit all its ocean-going

submarines of the "S" "T" and

"V" classes with special small

seaplanes. These aircraft can be

struck down and stowed on board

a submarine or patrol vessel with-

out difficulty. Should any naval

Power in future warfare use under-

water craft against merchantmen,

the added danger of a flying

tender can well be imagined, for

there would be no longer any hope

of eluding the enemy by daz-
zling the course and speed of the

ship, or by apparatus
for concealing smoke, except

perhaps in narrow waters, where

the enemy would not dare to stay

sufficiently long on the surface to

get the seaplane away. The

machine would not be used for

bomb-dropping, but would prob-
ably follow the tactics of the

seaplane tender or the German

raider Wolf, which not only acted

as scout and greatly increased her

range of vision, but also flew on

ahead and opened fire on her

intended victim with machine

guns, which generally persuaded

her to stop and await the arrival

of the raider. It would also mean

a very considerable alteration in

our wartime ideas of anti-

submarine patrols, as little craft

like motor launches would afford

small protection against machine-

gun fire unless they had so much

steel armour that their speed

would be seriously impeded.

Naval and Military Record.

Introductions.

When introducing, say the name

of the least important person first,

or in the case of a man and a

woman the man's name first. The

reason for this is that the whole

formula of introduction is: "May

I introduce Mr. So-and-So, Mrs.

So-and-So?" although the

"May I introduce" is generally

swallowed. Unless you do not wish

to know someone who has been in-

troduced to you, you should give

some sort of recognition when you

pass them in the street or meet them

elsewhere. Remember that the

woman must always make the first

sign of recognition, and also

Scots Proverbs.

The part of Scotland that was

richest in proverbs was the West

Highlands. Next to that district

said Mr. William Traquair Dick-

son, W.S., at a recent meeting of

the Scottish Text Society, prob-
ably the most proverbial district

was Fife. One of the commonest

and most quoted proverbs in the

West Highlands was in Gaelic, a

literal translation of which read:

"There were hills and streams,

and Macgregors, but when did the

Clan Arthur come?" That plainly

belonged to the time when the

persecution of the Clan Gregor

began in the fifteenth century.

The Gregors then lost the whole

of their properties, and from that

time they changed from the pos-
sion of a very powerful clan to a

scattered and weak clan. That

same peculiarity of proverbs re-

fering to a particular period

was wonderfully frequent. He

recalled that a long time

ago, in a country district

in Fife, he made some remarks

about the remarkable local

customs, whereupon a man of the

district said, "Ay, they're kind

o' queer folk here not to be Falk-

land folk, ye ken." After a time

he found the excuse for Falkland

was general. There was only

one way he could explain it.

Falkland was taken centuries ago

by the Crown as a suitable place

on which to build a Royal

residence. While Falkland folk

were noted in that way as being

different, and he supposed rather

superior to their neighbours, they

themselves had their own way of

looking at it. If Falkland people

found fault with anyone, especially

for being old-fashioned, they put

it this way—"You're aine the

times; you should gang to

Freuchie." Freuchie apparently

was considered an inferior place.

With the exception of this

Freuchie in Fife, the other places

of that name were in the High-

lands, and Freuchie was simply a

translation of the Gaelic word for

heathery—moorland, heathery, in

heathery place. There were scores

of proverbs connected with Fife

towns.

The Problem of Water-Power.

One of the great problems in

LIBEL ACTION BY EX-KAISER.

OFFICER WHO SLAPPED
EMPEROR'S FACE.

An extraordinary case in which

the ex-Kaiser charges Dr. Von

Der Heydt, editor of the *Dort-*

munder General Anzeiger, with

libel, was begun in the District

Court at Dortmund last month.

Last year the *General Anzeiger*

published a series of sensational

articles entitled "From the life of

a Crown Prince," dealing with

various aspects of the history of

the Hohenzollerns. Both the ex-

Kaiser and the ex-Crown Prince

were freely attacked.

The present case, however con-

cerns only one article reprinted

from a brochure by Admiral

Persius, which referred to the

well-known story concerning the

ex-Kaiser and a young naval

officer, who is stated to have com-

mitted suicide following an

incident on board the Imperial

yacht *Hohenzollern* on the occasion

of the Kaiser's voyage to the

coast of Norway in the summer of

1897.

Dr. Hahn, representing the

ex-Kaiser, stated that the case had

been instituted in order that the

story, which was widely published

particularly in British newspapers,

might be contradicted once for

all.

Dr. Max Frank, for the defence,

replied that the proper time for

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HONGKONG THURSDAY, MAR. 13, 1924.

ECONOMIC PARALYSIS?

Were it not that Russia is now fast rehabilitating herself—especially since Britain has conceded recognition—those who remember Mr. H. G. Wells's vision of economic paralysis slowly creeping westwards across Europe might well despair over the collapse of the franc. First it was the rouble, they could have said, toppling madly down, soon to drag with it the mark and the kronen. Now it is the franc. What will it be next? Sterling, still shaky after the war, and even the mighty dollar itself? Although these direful forebodings have the alarmist tinge, they are not altogether without just grounds. Even though the franc has not been allowed to slide too far, the French Government promising drastic salvage measures, all the other European exchanges have felt the cold blast, not excepting Sterling which had begun to regain its old vigour with public confidence in the new Government gaining ground every day. Therefore it must be patent to everyone that Anatole France never spoke a truer word than when he pointed out that the world is now an economic whole.

All wars, as he says, are now civil wars. This vital fact applies with even quicker effect to finance than it does to politics. Accordingly, however little sympathy one may feel with the Continental programme that has brought France into her present perilous financial pass, however much one might like to exclaim "Told you so!" now that the mark's fate is threatening the franc, one still remembers that French economic chaos resulting from deranged currency would come as a staggering blow to Europe's slowly returning prosperity, with terrible consequences not only for ourselves but for the whole world. Certainly any further drastic decline in the franc might conceivably compel France to alter her unwise Ruhr policy and cease granting huge military loans to Central European States before making the slightest effort to meet her heavy obligations to Britain. But the cost would be utterly ruinous; and, anyway, the same ends can be achieved, as our Labour Government's recent steps have shown, by frank and amicable means. Consequently it behoves every civilised nation, sentiment entirely apart, to give all assistance possible to save France from the abyss opening at her feet, lest any sudden disaster now not only destroy what little progress has been made with some of Europe's sadly broken currencies but also "drag" down

those which have managed to weather the financial storm. France herself, of course, must bear the main brunt of the fray. That she is prepared to do this, latest cables seem to show. Hitherto we have not been told what are the salvage measures that the Government has adopted, but we hope they include a frank avowal that the Ruhr policy has failed, for without that it will be impossible to get the country to accept the proposed twenty per cent. increase in taxation, so glowing have been the promises of a rich return from this costly military adventure. Until France has increased her taxation the great lending Powers must regard her professions or good faith with considerable doubt, and that vitally needed assistance will not be forthcoming. That, bitter experience is bringing this home seems clear from recent cables. Overcast though the outlook may appear, it is not, consequently, entirely without its shining ray of hope.

Rights Of An Audience.

One wonders where the rights of an audience at a public entertainment begin and end. The public, which pays, has a right to call for the time, it is true. But an audience owes it to itself and the management to behave in such a way that it can hear the time when it is played. There is a tendency among modern audiences for a section which lives in a state of bored superiority to express indifference and contempt for a performance by talking, laughing, and generally interfering with the pleasure of the humbler and simpler-minded people, who would enjoy the entertainment if allowed to listen. The management which tries hard to cater for the pleasure and comfort of its patrons has the right to take steps to suppress acts of rowdiness, but the conduct referred to does not come within that category. On the pillars of some stately churches appears an admonition to keep silence. Probably a pleasantly-worded request on the programme of a house of amusement that each member of the audience should endeavour to secure a perfect hearing for himself and his neighbours might effect a reformation.

Causing A Rumpus.

When a volatile statesman discusses without reserve matters of grave international consequence with an enterprising journalist, and does not take the precaution to put an embargo on the publication of the conversation or insist upon exercising a censorship over the journalist's copy, that copy is liable to prove highly combustible. The alleged interview with Mr. Lloyd George, which Mr. Harold Spender telegraphed to the New York "Herald" the other day, comes very near to being of this character. The subject of the published conversation between the statesman and the journalist was the Peace Conference, and the seriousness of the report lies in its crediting Mr. Lloyd George with having said, among other things: "I have only just discovered that during my absence in London Mr. Clemenceau and Mr. Wilson signed a secret compact, which compact, as an earlier part of the interview indicates, had to do with the proposal for France's 15 years' occupation of the Rhine frontier. As might have been expected, the publication of this interview came near to setting not only England and France but two continents by the ears. The ex-British Premier concerned, however, has repudiated the offending interview, has ridiculed the idea of a secret treaty, and credits President Wilson with unimpeachable loyalty. Mr. Spender, on the other hand, merely says, in effect, that Mr. Lloyd George did not "authorise" the statement, and that whatever indiscretion attaches to its publication is his, and not the ex-Premier's.

DOGS AND CATS.

If observation is anything to go by, it has to be assumed that the dog is more of a domestic pet than is the cat; and if family budgets could be analysed it would be found that a fair share of income is expended on the dog—or dogs—in the shape of food and attendance—for some households are capable of sustaining a dog or two. What the Hongkong cat has done to deserve all this is not apparent. Why dogs should come in for such a degree of attention which is theirs is also not quite apparent. We question if the attention justifies itself. People whose places have been

burgled and where they keep a dog, invariably affirm that the dog has not turned a hair or a tail during the proceedings. Generally the dog is a nuisance. He makes night hideous with his howls; frightens perfectly innocent people, and generally is neither use nor ornament. The lavish attention meted out to him might very well be directed elsewhere, and the soft things which some women use in addressing their "daws," might very well be curtailed. If dogs could only speak instead of howl and bark, what stories might not be told. Obviously this has been written by someone who hasn't got a dog but lives alongside people who have.

The "last will and testament" as a vehicle of leaving deprecatory or appreciative opinions or messages, is well known. We are thus interested in the will of the late Colonel William Frederick Noel, R.E., who embodied in the general wording of his testament the following:—

"I desire to state and place upon record that all my children have behaved well to me, and my three sons have served their country with some distinction, and I am thankful to be able to say so."

Unsolicited testimonials are invariably the best and although the children of the late gallant Colonel may not like the publicity thus given to their virtues, it must be a satisfaction that a father finds nothing wrong to report of them.

It will come as cause for surprise that any exchange transactions should be interested in singing—and in good singing at that. In days that are past the London Stock Exchange had a male voice choir and also an orchestra who were wont to give many evenings of musical delight. After an enforced silence the choir is once more in being and of sufficient calibre to fill a large London Hall with voice and audience. When our local exchange reaches the magnitude of its London opposite we may expect to see things happen. Men who are able to spin a tale should find no difficulty in singing a song.

January tenth has been allowed to go by unhonoured and unsung. Born in 1840 Penny Post has failed to elicit the usual "many happy returns" common to many less important birthdays. Before Sir Rowland Hill's reform, to send a letter from Edinburgh to London cost above a shilling; the letter being simply a piece of paper folded with a blank for direction and fastened by a seal. Postmen collected postage on delivery, which allowed for various crafty dodges to avoid charges. A country clergyman tells a story of paying three or four shillings for a poor woman, who had told the postman that she could not afford to take in her soldier son's letter. The sheet was a blank piece of paper; merely sent, and not intended to be paid for, as a sign—pre-arranged—that the soldier was alive and well. Penny postage has had its advantages but there are probably scores of men, the victims of breach-of-promise cases, who probably wish that its benefits had occurred after their thought twice in inditing love epistles costing so much to post as "above a shilling."

in the centre of the city are not noted for their brightness when darkness has settled over the land. They are in-ferable nooks and crannies of utter darkness. Not so those fronting Lane Crawford's store. Here have been installed a number of lights that shine as doth a good deal in a naughty world, brightening everything within their radius. We are aware this company has, in mind in instituting this lighting effect. But it is a method which might very well be adopted by others. It seems to be like mercy—blessing him (or them) that give, and they who enjoy its warm-giving radiance.

is the only word to BEAUTY, apply to the latest improvements at the Hongkong Hotel. A quiet stroll round is all that is needed to convince one that someone with time and a fine sense of the artistic has weaved his—or her—magic spell, and evolved a scheme of colour and of comfort, that mere words cannot be found to indicate. This is no canting sycophantic attempt at praise. No honeyed words are needed to state facts. We have here referred to the spirit of improvement which broods over our premier Hotel. One thing is done and we feel that the omega has been reached—when lo! as in the case under notice, fairyland is evolved, and the eye, the heart, and the body is invigorated into soothing effects which ordinary mortal had begun to think were impossible in Hongkong. Monopoly often tends to monotony—but not with regard to our Hotel.

To-day's Poem.

(Evening Clouds.)
Silent are the woods, and the dim green boughs are
Hushed in the twilight: yonder, in the path through
The apple orchard, is a tired plough-boy
Calling the cows home.

A bright white star blinks, the pale moon rounds, but
Still the red, lurid wreckage of the sunset
Smoulders in smoky fire, and burns on
The misty hill-tops.

Ghostly it grows, and darker, the burning
Fades into smoke, and now the gusty oaks are
A silent army of phantoms thronging
A land of shadows.

—From Poems and Plays of John Masefield.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

MARCH 13.

1664. It being foul weather I staid within, and so to my office, and there all the morning reading some Common Law, to which I will allot a little time now and then.—Pepys.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENT'S.

March 13.—Coronet Theatre: Pola Negri in "Gypsy Blood."
March 13.—Star Theatre: Conrad Nagel in "The Fighting Chance."
March 13.—World Theatre: Ethel Clayton in "Can A Woman Love Twice?"
March 13.—Theatre Royal: Grand Orchestral Concert, 9.15 p.m.

March 14.—Coronet Theatre: Baby Peggy in "The Darling of New York."

March 14.—Theatre Royal: farwell return visit of Kail's Hawaiian Troubadours, 9.15 p.m.

March 16.—Star Theatre: "Doug Fairbanks in 'Mollycoddle'."

March 29.—Theatre Royal, Grand Concert, 9.15 p.m.

March 13.—Musical at Helena May Institute, 6.30 p.m.

March 15.—Fourth annual dinner of Queen's College Old Boys' Assn., 8 p.m.

March 17.—Hongkong Football Club dinner in the Hongkong Hotel, 7.30 p.m.

March 17.—Grand Carnival (dinner and entertainment) in Hongkong Hotel Grill Rooms, 8 p.m. to midnight.

April 2.—St. Andrew's Fete in the Church Hall and grounds, Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.

SPORT.
March 24.—H.K. Jockey Club extra race meeting.

LAND SALE.
March 17.—At P.V.D. Offices one lot of Crown Land at Tsing I, 3 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.
March 17.—Lammert Bros. at No. 12 East Point Terrace, household furniture etc., 2.30 p.m.

March 18.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, electric furnace, etc., etc., Noon.

COMPANY MEETINGS.
March 14.—Extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, 11.30 a.m.

March 15.—A. S. Watson & Co., thirty-ninth annual meeting at the Hongkong Hotel, 11 a.m.

March 20.—Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., ordinary yearly meeting at 2, Queen's Building, noon.

March 22.—Yearly Meeting of Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd., 11.30 a.m.

March 27.—Fifty-fifth meeting of shareholders of the H.K. Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, 11 a.m.

March 29.—Further extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, 11 a.m.

March 29.—Ordinary Meeting of Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., at Company's offices 20, Des Voeux Road, 11 a.m.

March 31.—Forty-sixth annual meeting of shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Co., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, 11 a.m.

DOG AND CAT SHOW.
March 15.—In the Parade Ground, H.K. Dog and Cat Show, 2 p.m.

Cramps in the Stomach.
No need of suffering from cramps in the stomach or intestinal pains Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy never fails to relieve the most severe cases. Get it today; there will be no time to find it after the attack comes on. For sale everywhere.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Incoming West River steamers bring news of the floating of the s.s. "Ko Chow" which went ashore near Samshui and was struck fast some weeks ago.

Following a quarrel with her husband, a Chinese woman jumped into the harbour from Shamsui ferry wharf yesterday. She was afterwards taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

Damage estimated at \$250 was caused yesterday by a fire in a builder's match in Tungchow Street, Shamsui. Careless coolies who threw lighted matches about are blamed for the blaze.

The Hongkong Billiard Association, under the auspices of the Victoria Recreation Club is giving a smoking concert on Friday evening, March 21, on the occasion of the presentation of the billiard shield.

Vernacular papers state that a number of Chinese naval rivercraft have had signs put up, when alongside the Canton bund, offering to take passengers, at fares, to Po Lo. This is taken to indicate entry into the passenger and ferry business.

A Chinese who said he was a tringer to the Colony and did not know its laws was fined \$100 at the Police Court to-day for having been unlawfully in possession of two rounds of ammunition. The Magistrate (Mr. E. W. Hamilton) said he would have to pay for his carelessness.

The Bishop of Victoria and the members of the Victoria Diocesan Association are giving an at home in the City Hall tomorrow afternoon, for Hongkong people to meet the Rt. Rev. Bishop F. R. Graves, D.D., Shanghai, and the Rt. Rev. Bishop P. L. Norris, D.D., Peking, Chairman and Secretary, respectively, of the Chang Hua Sheng Kung Hui.

Those attending to-night's Orchestral Concert are asked kindly to note the following: As soon as H. E. the Governor and Lady Stubbs, and party from Government House, are in their seats, the National Anthem will be played, and almost immediately the concert will commence. Those who are unable to be in their seats at the commencement of the programme are asked to wait until the conclusion of the item being played before occupying their seats.

Founder's Day was celebrated by students and old boys of St. Stephen's College yesterday afternoon with a sports gymkhana of nine events. Prizes were distributed by Miss Lau, niece of the manager of the Merchants' Bank. Mr. Ng Sze Kwong (chairman), thanked Miss Lau for presenting the prizes. The band of the East Surreys played musical selections. A dinner was held at the Yee Woo Restaurant at night and was a most successful function.

The exchange case in which Mr. J. Mody, a retired broker, is being sued by the Bank of East Asia for £10,000, was continued at the Supreme Court this morning before the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies K.C.). Mr. Campbell Prosser resumed his case for the defence and occupied the whole session. He contended that the arrangement arrived at by the banks whereby payment would not be made until a certain definite event had occurred was not bound in law. The Chief Justice, in criticising Mr. Potter's submission regarding the distinction between the original contract and the alleged variation of contract said that such distinction was so subtle that he must confess that he had great difficulty in following it. The case was again adjourned.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

There was a large gathering of members at the Chinese Association, Singapore, for the purpose of wishing bon voyage to one of its Vice-Presidents, Mr. Lim Seow Kiew, who is shortly leaving for the Hongkong branch of the Ho Hong Bank. Among those present was the Bishop of Singapore.

Several days ago *Reuter* cabled from London that there had been a most unusual occurrence in the House of Commons when Major Astor, who had just returned from Egypt, voted in a division without having taken the oath. Consequently he automatically vacated his seat and a new writ was issued. This morning brought another *Reuter* cable from London stating that Major Astor has now been returned unopposed for Dover.

SEQUEL TO COLLISION.

DAMAGES CLAIMED BY POLICE SERGEANT.

Supporting his claim for \$500 general damages sustained as the result of a collision with his motor cycle and side car and a car owned by the Moon Garage near Repulse Bay on September 14 last year, Sergt. F. T. James of the Hongkong Police stated at the Summary Court before Mr. Justice Gompertz this morning that he would swear that the car was travelling at 25 miles an hour, but he would estimate the speed at 35 m.p.h.

For the plaintiff, Mr. Corbett described the accident, stating that as a result of it Mrs. James, who was riding in the side-car, was injured and suffered a very great shock. Mr. James was driving his motor-cycle very slowly, on the road from Stanley to Repulse Bay when the Moon Garage car approached him round a bend, without warning, at a speed of 25 miles an hour. His client, continued Mr. Corbett, realising the dangerous situation found the only thing he could do was to drive on to a fall of earth. The car, however, struck the side-car.

Sergeant James said that at the scene of the accident, there was a fall of earth, an enormous quantity having fallen owing to the heavy rains and typhoon. It was sufficiently cleared, however, to allow him to pass. He was going no faster than four or five miles an hour. The car approached him at an extraordinary speed without giving a warning. Some part of it struck the nose of the side-car and the car went on for another twelve or fifteen yards before it stopped.

Cross-examined, plaintiff said that in a distance of four yards, one could accelerate a Triumph from 4 to 12 m.p.h. It was absolutely impossible for the garage car to have been pulled up at the point, Mr. F. G. Vaux suggested.

Plaintiff asked defending solicitor in reply to a question, to imagine sitting on a motor cycle and seeing a car coming at 35 miles an hour towards him and then try to notice what part of the car struck the cycle. He could not say what part struck the side-car, but thought it was the rear hub.

Dr. Koch said that Mrs. James sustained slight wounds on the head and bruises on the body. She was also suffering from shock and concussion. He did not think Mrs. James would always suffer as a result of her injuries.

Mrs. James gave corroborative evidence, and added that she still suffered from a pain in the head.

Mr. Vaux for the defence, contended that he had no case to answer. He quoted the case of master and servant and added it was necessary for the prosecution not only to prove that the Moon Garage were owners of the car, but that the chauffeur was actually in their employ at the time of the accident. Prosecution had not proved these things and Mr. Vaux submitted he had no case to answer.

Mr. Justice Gompertz said he was inclined to agree with Mr. Vaux. Prosecution had to put in some prima facie evidence.

Sergt. James was recalled to give evidence on this point.

Up to the time of going to press, witnesses for the defence were still being examined.

Case proceeding.

DAMAGED POLICE LAUNCH.

RULE OF THE ROAD DISREGARDED.

The steam launch "Tai Yik Kee" achieved notoriety at the Marine Court to-day when first one coxswain and then another was presented before Lieut. Commander Conway Hake, R.N.R. on charges alleging failure to observe the rule of the road.

Proceeding up the fairway on the wrong side was the offence charged against the first man, Chui Chi-shing. His explanation was that he had to do it in order to avoid a steamer backing out of its wharf but the Bench held he was at fault, and, being a young coxswain with a clean record, administered a caution.

In the case against the other coxswain, Ip Yau-chi, evidence was given by Sergt. John Murphy. He said he had finished duty and was steaming back to Railway Pier when he saw the defendant approaching from Yau-mai. He blew one blast to show that he was standing on his course and the other launch instead of going astern of him kept on. In an effort to avoid a collision the police launch went full speed astern but failed to clean and was damaged on the port bow.

The defendant alleged that the police launch overtook him but sub-inspector Bond, who prosecuted, told the Bench that the police launches were not fast enough to do that.

As it was a first offence, a fine of \$10 was imposed.

COERCING THE COLONY.

Military Lands Burden.

UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS' RESENTMENT.

"Assent Under Protest."

POINTS THAT SHOULD BE ARBITRATED.

"Assent under protest" was the attitude of the unofficial members towards the military lands award at this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council when the Government's resolution accepting the War Office's terms came up for discussion. The unofficial members felt that the bargain was very lopsided and that several important points should be submitted to arbitration.

UNOFFICIAL OPINION.

Lopsided Bargain.

Giving the considered views of the unofficial members, the Hon. Mr. Pollock said:—In his address to this Council, on February 7th, Mr. Fletcher showed that this Colony was, on Sir John Oakley's figures, making by no means a good bargain, having regard to the probable loss of very many years' interest in the lay out and disposal of all the military lands, proposed to be taken over, and owing to the boom price of land during Sir John Oakley's visit here.

Accordingly, bearing these facts in mind, whilst we are not prepared to dissent from the proposed resolution, we desire to lay the following matters before the Government in order to see whether it may not be possible to obtain some alleviation from the heavy figures set down in Sir John Oakley's award—figures which were arrived at on the very crest of a tremendous land boom, a boom far exceeding in intensity anything of the kind previously experienced in this colony.

Free Gift.

The first point which we desire to make, in support of our above plea of alleviation, is that a large proportion of these lands, which we are now seeking to take over, were conveyed to the Military in the early days of this Colony, as a free gift, and solely for military purposes.

Under such circumstances, it appears clear that, upon the legal authorities relating to compensation, the Colony is under no obligation whatever to do anything more than to repossess the military, that is to say, to provide the same number of officers and men with equally good accommodation on new sites.

In Cripps on Compensation, 5th Edition (1905) at p. 118, the legal principle applicable to such a case is stated as follows:—

"Such a sum is assessed as will enable the owner to replace the premises or lands taken by premises or lands which would be to him of the same value." And in the case of London School Board v. South Eastern Railway Company, 3 T.L.R. 710 (where land required by a School Board, for the purpose of building a school, had been taken compulsorily) Jessel M.R. said:—

"The school ought not either to gain or lose by acquiring a new site."

Applying the latter words to the present case, it may be pointed out that inasmuch as the cost of repossessing the displaced military officers and men cannot conceivably exceed ten million dollars at the very outside, the military would, on the Oakley valuation, "gain" a very great deal "in acquiring a new site." It may also be pointed out incidentally that the military authorities will also gain considerably in having new buildings in the place of old ones.

Reference may also be made on the above point to the modern Privy Council case of Corrie v. McDermott, 1914, A.C. 1056, the headnote of which case reads as follows:—

"The government of Queensland granted certain land to the trustee of the Acclimatisation Society, and with a provision that the Government might resume possession" paying the value of the land. "The trustees had power by statute to sell the land, but only to the local authority on a certain agricultural Association, the proceeds to be invested and the income applied for the purpose of the Society. It was held that, upon resumption of land by the government, the trustees were not entitled to be paid the unrestricted freehold value of the land, but, in accordance with the ordinary rules as to compensation, the value of the land to the trustees under the conditions upon which they held it."

Valuation.

The second point which we wish to make is that, on the actual wording and natural interpretation of the Circular Despatches relating to military lands, both

parties to the 1922 valuation, i.e., the local Colonial and Military authorities were legally bound by it.

For the purpose of making this latter point clear it will suffice to refer to the following extract from the Military Land Circular Despatch, which was quoted by Mr. Fletcher in his speech to this Council on the 7th ultimo:—

"Valuation of lands or buildings, when required under the circumstances above mentioned, should be made by the Colonial and Military Authorities conjointly, or, in the event of their disagreeing, by an independent and competent surveyor, to be chosen by agreement between the Home and Colonial Governments, whose report should be final."

The meaning of the above sentence is clear. The Colonial Authorities means the Colonial Authorities here on the spot and the Military Authorities means the Military Authorities here on the spot, just as Colonial Government means the Colonial Government here in Hongkong, as distinguished from the Home Government which is also referred to in the above extract.

Accordingly it follows that the valuation of the military lands, as arrived at between the Colonial Government and the local military authorities, in 1922, being a valuation made by them "conjointly," was a binding valuation, and any further reference to an "independent and competent surveyor" was clearly outside of the language of the Circular Despatch, which contemplated a reference to "an independent and competent surveyor" solely in the event of a disagreement between the Colonial and Military authorities.

Moreover we understand that, under similar circumstances in the past, the War Office has, as we contend rightly upon the true construction of the Circular Despatch, left matters of valuation to be settled between the local Colonial and Military Authorities, and we understand that the only reason which the War Office has put forward, in the present instance, for not adhering to the same interpretation of the Circular Despatch, is that the present transaction was too important to be governed by a valuation arrived at locally.

Coercing The Colony.

With deference such a reason seems to us to be an inadequate one for departing from figures which were carefully arrived at, after full investigation and inquiry, and with special knowledge of local conditions, between the Colonial Government and the local Military Authorities; and we, therefore, regard the subsequent action of the War Office in forcing this Colony (in defiance of the above-quoted words of the Circular Despatch, and notwithstanding the absence of any disagreement between the local Colonial and Military Authorities as to the valuation of the lands), to lay its case before an "independent and competent surveyor," as umpire, as being both arbitrary and irregular.

Such arbitrary action by the War Office threatens to involve this Colony in the payment of over 5½ million dollars extra (i.e. \$17,000,000) out of our funds, and will make a serious extra inroad on our financial resources, depriving us of almost all the reserves which we have been accumulating for some years past.

The unofficial members of this Council cannot view such a state of affairs with equanimity, especially having regard to the heavy commitments which lie before it in the near future of some millions of pounds on the Fitzmaurice Harbour Scheme and seventeen to eighteen million dollars on the Shing Mun Waterworks Scheme, besides other larger expenditure for reclamation and building and general developments, to meet the urgent needs of a rapidly increasing population.

Fortunately a very simple, reasonable, and effective remedy lies to hand, namely, the reference of the above two points to

FOUND AT LAST.

MISSING FERRY LAUNCH.

EXPECTED BACK TO-DAY.

Reports which came by this morning's incoming steamer from Macao state that the missing ferry launch "Kwong Shun" was found near Sha-Mee-Tau and has been taken by gunboats to Macao. The launch was empty and attempts had been made to disguise it by repainting the hull. It is expected that the "Kwong Shun" will be brought back to Hongkong some time to-day.

The Hongkong Police have received an official wire confirming the finding of the launch. It was definitely understood that the vessel would be back in Hongkong to-day but at 2 o'clock, the Chinese ferry company stated that it was not back yet.

some high legal authority on compensation law, and, in this connection, we would venture to suggest that Lord Parmoor would be a most suitable arbitrator, if he would kindly consent to act.

Unfair Stipulations.

Two more points remain to be dealt with:—

(1) It is most serious from the Colony's point of view that the military is to reserve considerable areas which have the effect of cutting off one part of the military lands which it is suggested that we should resume from the other part, thereby rendering those lands much more difficult to develop, on the best and most paying lines, e.g., by driving roads parallel to the Queen's Road. The reserved areas in question are the Detention Barracks (the Western part of which is badly required for the much needed widening of Garden Road) and the Head Quarter House and grounds, and the married quarters, etc. to the south of such grounds. These additional areas were valued by Sir John Oakley, at a little over three million dollars.

As regards the Detention Barracks we understand that whilst they are temporarily being retained as a possible site for Head Quarter Offices, the Military Authorities have expressed their willingness that such offices should be built on some other part, near Head Quarter House, of the Military Lands which are not included in Sir John Oakley's award.

(2) Next there is a point which we should like to have cleared up in connection with recital (i) in Sir John Oakley's award which states that "if during the period of ten years from the date of the award and before completion of the transfer unforeseen circumstances shall in the opinion of the Army Council render it desirable or expedient to withdraw any one or more complete block or lot of blocks of lots, then and in such event only the Army Council shall be free and at liberty to withdraw such one or more complete block or lot of blocks or lots." We should like some assurance that the above recital is only intended to cover unforeseen circumstances rendering it necessary, as a matter of military urgency for the defence of this Colony, that that clause should be brought into force.

Under Protest.
In conclusion, whilst we are driven by sheer force of circumstances (i.e., by this Colony's urgent need owing to the great increase of population and the consequent necessity for more room for residential and commercial expansion for the removal of the Military Forces from the most central positions in the heart of the City of Victoria and the Kowloon Peninsula) to assent to the acceptance of Sir John Oakley's award, we do so under protest because we feel that the first two points, suggested by us, ought to be referred to arbitration.

We would add that there appears to be no reason why such a reference should, in any way, either delay the carrying out of any of the agreed transfers of military lands or the selection of some other than the Detention Barracks for the erection of Head Quarter Offices.

Resolution Carried.
After brief speeches had been made by the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kote-wall and the Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe, His Excellency the Governor expressed concurrence with practically everything said by Mr. Pollock though he did not think it would be much use making representations to the Home Government. "I do not pretend," His Excellency said, "to believe other than that the War Office are driving a hard bargain with us. I think we are paying a very high price but in my opinion it is the best we can do." The resolution was then carried.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY 2ND v. R.A.M.C.

B. P. Ng, c. McCarrach, b. Walker	13
M. A. Kyum, c. Balchin, b. Walker	4
M. Osman, b. Nash	17
C. W. Lam, b. Walker	0
J. L. Youngsaye, c. Howarth, b. Walker	4
S. Omar, b. Osbourne	18
J. Noronha, Chilton, b. Balchin	19
S. Hachuma, c. Nash, b. Walker	27
H. Y. Leong, c. Howarth, b. Perry	3
W. H. Sing, c. McCarrach, b. Walker	9
A. T. M. Barna, not out	2
Extras	4
Total	122

Bowling.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Walker	14.3	3	38	6
Percy	10	2	30	1
Nash	6	1	22	1
Osbourne	3	—	16	1
Balchin	1	—	12	1

R.A.M.C.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Capt. Howarth, c. Omar	5	—	—	—
P. McCarrach, c. Kyum, b. Youngsaye	4	—	—	—
Capt. Walker, c. Leon, b. Youngsaye	14	—	—	—
Sgt. Percy, not out	25	—	—	—
Pte. Nash, c. Kyum, b. Lam	2	—	—	—
Pte. Osbourne, run out	0	—	—	—
Pte. Balchin, c. and b. Lam	6	—	—	—
Pte. Chilton, b. Lam	0	—	—	—
Pte. Belcher, b. Youngsaye	8	—	—	—
Pte. Scerretton, c. Sing, b. Youngsaye	0	—	—	—
Pte. Derry, b. Youngsaye	1	—	—	—
Extras	7	—	—	—
Total	72	—	—	—

Bowling.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Onar	10	1	24	1
*Youngsaye	7.1	2	24	5
Lam	9	0	17	3

H.K.C.C. TEAMS.

The following team will represent the H.K.C.C. on Saturday, March 15, at 2.15 p.m. on grounds as below:—

1st XI v. East Surrey Regt., at Happy Valley:—T. E. Pearce (capt.), Col. T. A. Robertson, R. E. A. Webster, H. Owen Hughes, Rev. T. B. Powell, G. R. More, A. C. I. Bowker, A. V. T. Dean, E. G. Lammer, W. W. Mackenzie and D. H. F. McMaster.
2nd XI v. K.C.C. 2nd XI (League) at Home:—G. H. Piercy (capt.), H. E. Hollands, L. D. McNicoll, C. R. Baron, H. Griffin, D. Reid, A. K. Mackenzie, E. C. Hagen, F. N. Young, J. A. H. Plummer and D. E. G. Nicholson.

K.C.C. TEAMS.

The following will play for the Kowloon C.C. on Saturday next, 2.15 p.m., grounds as below:—

1st XI v. Navy (friendly) at Kowloon:—R. E. Lindsay (capt.), R. Pestonji, A. W. Ramsay, S. Jex, H. G. Wellington, J. C. Fletcher, F. W. Howell, L. A. R. Duncan, R. Earnshaw, C. Earls and A. W. Summers.
2nd XI v. H.K.C.C. 2nd (League) away:—H. Overy (capt.), A. O. Brawn, A. R. F. Raven, A. O. B. Raven, W. L. Weaver, A. J. Kew, B. Petheram, E. J. Edwards, D. S. Green, A. J. Fraser and E. Sivage.

HOCKEY.

After a very fast game, perhaps the finest of the season, the Club managed to draw with the Grenadiers, the score being three all.

The Club started off well and were leading at half-time, with two goals against the Grenadiers' one. The second half, however, saw the Grenadiers all up. They scored three goals before the Club was able to reply. More evening up just before the end.

The final two goals for the Club were shot by Woodward and Evans. Hobb, who was playing a fine game at centre half, had the unfortunate lot of getting injured after the first quarter and retired, keeping the lead till half time.

The second half opened with Maccock equalising for the Club after which play was very even. The fine play of the Club's full back Edwards and Percy without doubt saved them from defeat. Lyon, who has been an absentee from the Hockey field lately, played a good game yesterday. Holdman and Maccock were as usual in good form, while the Navy goals played a very fine game.

Peculiarly enough the second match ended the same way as the first with a draw. The match was played on the new Hockey ground, Kowloon, just opposite the Football Club.

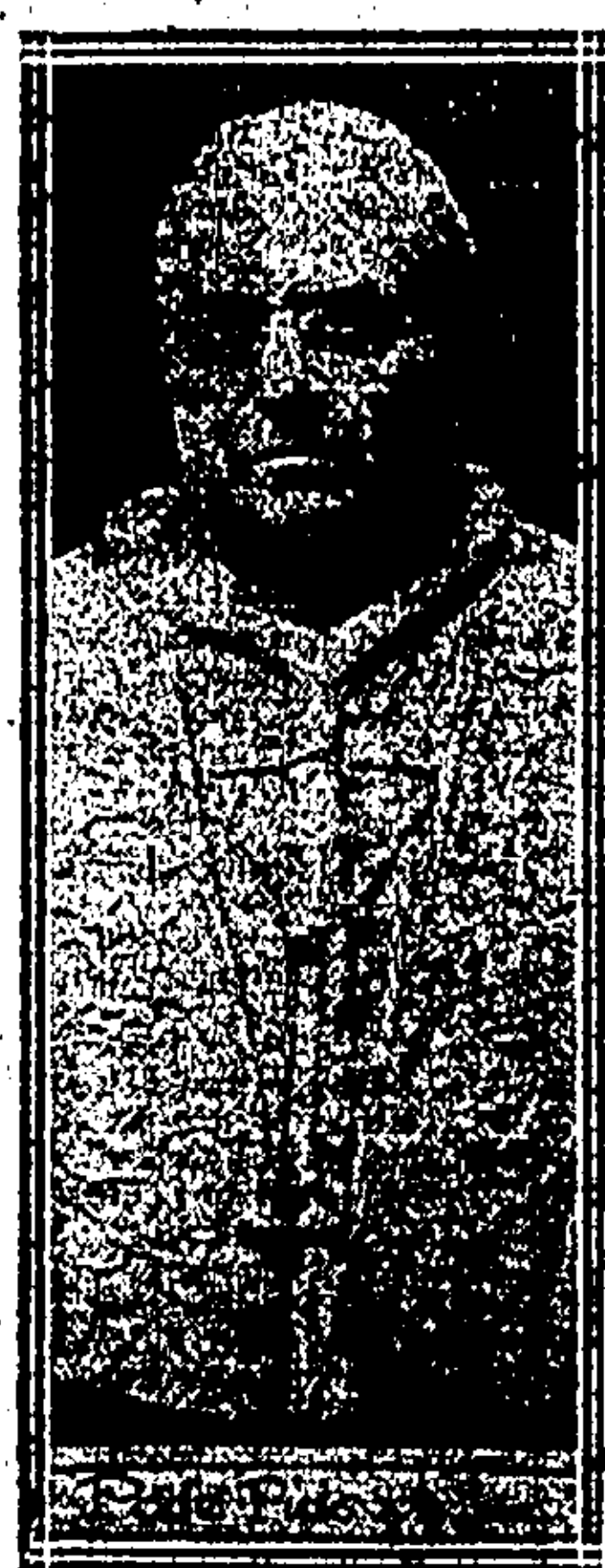
CHURCH AND STATE.

RELATIONS REPORTED HARMONIOUS.

LATEST FROM ROME.

ROME, March 12.

The report of an agreement between the Pope and the Italian Government mentioned earlier is denied in authoritative quarters, though it is pointed out that relations between Church and State are very harmonious.—*Reuter*.



[The *Daily Express* published the terms of the alleged agreement settling the dispute between the Pope and the Italian Government. The terms provide for the surrender of the whole Vatican Hill to the Vatican, which at present only holds part. This gives the hill the status of an independent country. The Government undertakes to build, at its own expense, a palace or series of houses for the accommodation of the College of Cardinals. The Holy See will hand over the scattered properties where the Cardinals are at present housed. The Pope's independence will be guaranteed by the League of Nations.]

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The draw for the Scottish Cup semi-finals, to be played on March 22 is:—

Aberdeen v. Hibernians or Partick, at Dundee.
Falkirk v. Ayr or Airdrieonians, at Celtic Park, Glasgow.

4TH ROUND REPLAYS.
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SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

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17 - N. Y. E.	Matsuyama M.
18 - O. N.	Kiangu.
18 - L. O. N.	Kiangu.
18 - D. L.	Haiching.
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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

ABOLITION OF LIKIN IN CHINA.

QUESTION IN COMMONS.

British Exporters' Interests Pressed.

London, March 12. In the House of Commons during questions Mr. P. J. H. Hanmon (C.) suggested that in the interests of British exporters the British Legation at Peking should be instructed to co-operate with the other Legations to ensure ratification of article eight of the Mackay Treaty.

Mr. Arthur Ponsonby, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that if Mr. Hanmon referred to the fact that this article providing for the abolition of likin had not been carried out by the Chinese authorities he could assure him His Majesty's Government were fully alive to the importance of the matter. They were at present consulting His Majesty's Minister at Peking in regard to the best means of dealing with the question at a special conference to be held in pursuance of the Nine-power Customs Treaty but it must be realised that great difficulties existed owing to the present disorganised conditions in China and the Central Government's lack of control of any provincial authorities.—Reuter.

AMERICAN RAILROADS.

Freight Rates Preference.

Washington, March 12. The Inter-State Commerce Commission announces that under the new regulations a lower joint freight rate will be authorised on the American railroads from May 20 on commodities being transported by American ships, except grain.—Reuter's American Service.

HOME TRADE.

London, March 11. The Board of Trade returns for February show imports £36,705,000 and exports £37,974,000, a decrease of £4,559,000 and an increase of £3,739,000 respectively compared with January's figures.—Reuter.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

In addition to the quotations given on page 11 as usual, the following should be noted:—
H.K. Hotels \$22 cum div. ex rights nom ex rights \$8 premium buyers and sales.
Comments ex rights \$28. Sellers rights \$67 1/2 sales.
China Providents ex bonus and rights \$23 nominal, rights \$22 prem. nom. Bonus shares \$23 nominal.
Ropes ex bonus and rights \$27 nominal, rights \$3 prem. nom. Bonus shares \$27 nominal.
Note: The rate hitherto quoted for China Lights cum all and or cum rights necessitate the payment by the buyer of \$1 per new share.
China Providents Old Issue shares are \$117,000. Hongkong Ropes Old Issue shares are \$160,000.
Hongkong Share Brokers' Association.
Ropes—Ex-rights and bonus shares 25.
Hotels—New Issue 9 premium sellers.

NAM PAK HONG.

There is no change to report in the Nam Pak Hong quotations for Java sugar, rice and flour. Markets continue weak with absence of business.

THE VOLUME OF TRADE.

The calculations undertaken by the Board of Trade to show how the fluctuations of the overseas trade figures are due to price changes and to changes in volume respectively show that in 1923 the volume of imports was 93 per cent. of the 1913 total, while in 1923 the volume was 85.5 per cent. British exports were 74.5 per cent. in 1923 and 68.9 per cent. in 1922 and re-exports were 81.5 per cent. in 1923 and 61.6 per cent. in 1922. The fol-

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

EASY VICTORY FOR HONDA.

Among the tennis tournament games played yesterday chief interest centred in the singles match between T. Honda, the Japanese who was formerly tennis champion of the F.M.S., and T. Lay, a promising local player. Honda gave a clever exhibition and won easily by three straight sets. Lay played fairly well at times but was obviously outclassed.

Another very interesting match was that between H. H. Ismail and F. A. Redmond. Ismail won in the final set. Both players were evenly matched.

The following are yesterday's results:

Open Championship Singles.—T. Honda beat T. Lay, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2; S. A. Ismail beat F. A. Redmond, 6-2, 6-2, 3-6, 3-6; A. A. Rumbun beat S. D. Ismail, 4-0, 9-7, 6-1, 6-3.
Open Championship Doubles.—R. M. Henderson and A. Brearley beat A. D. and J. D. Humphreys, 5-7, 6-4, 6-1, 7-5; Yew Man-tsun and Yew Man-kit beat H. R. Remington and W. A. Novers, 7-5, 6-2, 6-3.
Club Championship.—R. J. Saunders beat A. H. Crook, 6-2, 6-4, 6-1.
Handicap Singles.—D. J. Allfree (+2/6) beat G. G. Franklin (+15), 6-3, 1-6, 8-6.
Handicap Doubles.—I. Forster and G. R. Aubrey (+2/6) beat M. E. Nickels and G. de Man (+15), 6-8, 6-4, 6-2; W. Hattersley Smith and B. A. Hill (+2/6) beat H. G. Grady and J. T. Staalley (+15), 3-6, 6-2, 8-6.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

Open Championship Singles.—W. H. Gilroy v. S. E. Green.
Handicap Singles.—B. E. J. R. Mitchell (ser.) v. E. G. Lamont (+1/6).
Handicap Doubles.—V. M. Gray-burn and A. N. B. Carr (ser.) v. D. Burroughs and C. G. Perdue (+4/6); A. H. Pean and A. V. T. Deane (+15) v. W. B. Cornaby and A. W. Borer (+6/6).
Mixed Doubles.—J. A. Verwick and Miss D. A. Hudge (+3/6) v. G. W. Sowell and Miss H. Irving (ser.).

ZAGHLOUL PASHA ANNOUNCED THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW EGYPTIAN CABINET.

He had a long audience of the "Kirk," and at a meeting of the Wafd stated that the policy of the Government would be the complete independence of Egypt and the Sudan.

Following table shows the values in each of the past four years on the basis of 1913 prices:

	Imports.	Exports.	Re-exports.
	Mill. Mill.	Mill. Mill.	Mill. Mill.
1923	735.7	404.4	94.0
1922	659.4	361.8	89.3
1921	570.9	201.6	86.1
1920	479.3	373.5	95.9
1913	768.7	525.2	109.6

The average increase of whole-sale prices in 1923 is given as 61 per cent. over 1913, and in 1922 59 per cent. In 1923 the volume of net imports of raw materials was hardly equal to that of 1922. In the class of manufactured articles, including a number of partly manufactured materials of industry, the net imports of 1923 were considerably greater in quantity than those of 1922. In 1923 exports of manufactures were less, as measured in terms of 1913 values, than those of the year 1920. For exports of all classes the 1923 figures show an excess over those of 1920, owing to the recovery in the coal export trade. Even if appropriate adjustments are made in respect of the trade with Ireland, the 1923 figures indicate a trade greater by some 5 per cent. than that of 1920. The aggregate shows, however, a deficit on the 1913 figures amounting roughly to 23 per cent. after making that adjustment.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Bukit Mertajam Rice Mill Company, held at Penang on March 3, passed as an extraordinary resolution the following:—That the capital of the company be and it is hereby increased to £600,000 by the creation of 350,000 additional ordinary shares of 1s each ranking for dividend and in all other respects pari-passu with the existing ordinary shares in the company.

SHANGHAI HARBOUR.

HARBOR BOARD SUGGESTED.

SHANGHAI, March 11. Mr. F. J. Blom, addressing the Engineering Society of China yesterday declared that the Shanghai harbour equipment for handling cargo is insufficient for the present and the future. He advocated the formation of a Shanghai Harbour Board in order to safeguard local interests.

Mr. Blom said that the under-development of the wharves for ocean-going steamers had caused congestion which was detrimental to the interests of navigation and trade generally. Before entering into costly schemes for harbour extensions at present, the harbour should be developed and organised, and measures should be taken to compel the riparian owners to develop their property. Shipping agents should be induced to establish modern, equipped wharves capable of efficiently handling ships' cargo. A municipal harbour should be constructed to run on a commercial basis in order to take care of lighters.—Courtesy Daily Bulletin.

YOUTH'S ADVENTURES.

STRANGER THAN FICTION.

A story containing all the necessary ingredients to make a scenario for a sensational serial motion picture is given in the *Mingpao*.

The drama goes back to Chinese New Year, the stage being Wuchow. During this celebration, the hero, a nineteen-year-old youth, named Cheng Ah-kei, went to pay his respects to his father-in-law, who is apparently a bamboo merchant in that city. Then, one night, the house was raided by a band of robbers—"several tens of robbers," the youth describes the gang. The intruders ransacked the house, killing Cheng's wife's grandmother and also shooting (and killing) two other inmates. Cheng was kidnapped by the band and sent to Shanghai. He was lodged in a house in Paoshing Faung, which is an alleyway off Paoshing Road, Chapei.

The robbers, one of whom lent colour to the enterprise by being the possessor of only one eye, watched young Cheng day and night. There was also a woman in the case, but whether she plays any active part in the story is not told.

In spite of this strict surveillance by his captors, Cheng determined to make his escape, and one dark night—on February 29, to be exact—he clambered out of the window of No. 62 Paoshing Faung, the house in which he was held prisoner, and made his way to freedom.

However, Cheng was not yet quite free, for a member of the Volunteer Corps at Paungpu was in the vicinity of the house at the time, and seeing Cheng's suspicious mode of exit arrested him and took him to Headquarters.

In the hands of the authorities Cheng told the remarkable story related above. Commander Chen, with a squad of his men, at once proceeded to the address given. The house was empty—the birds had flown—but the discovery of ten pistols and ten rounds of ammunition substantiated Cheng's narrative. Cheng's relatives at Wuchow were notified and are overjoyed at the knowledge that he is now safe and sound in the hands of the Corps, for no news of him had been received by his anxious family since the terrible night on which the robber band took him away.

TOO REALISTIC EVE.

SCANDALISES CONDUCTOR IN PANTOMIME.

Felix Weingartner, the famous conductor, has caused a sensation in Vienna by shouting, "Lower the curtain," during the first night of the new pantomime, "Adam and Eve," because the costume of the actress in the title part was too "Evelike."

When the curtain rose for the opening scene, depicting Eve in the Garden of Eden, Weingartner was ready with his baton poised to give the signal to the orchestra, but that signal was never given; instead, the spectators heard the conductor's shout. The order was promptly obeyed.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The B. F. s.s. "Agapenor" left Port Said on Mar. 11 for Amsterdam, London and Antwerp.
The B. F. s.s. "Mentor" left Port Said on Mar. 8 for London, Rotterdam and Hamburg.
The B. F. s.s. "Achilles" for Pacific ports left Cebu on Mar. 10 for this port and is due here to-morrow daylight.
The N.Y.K. s.s. "Yamato Maru" (Hongkong Line) left Moji for Hongkong on Mar. 9 and is expected here to-morrow.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Tajima Maru" (Liverpool Line) left Singapore for Hongkong on Mar. 7 and is expected here to-morrow.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kiddalore" left Shanghai for this port on Mar. 11 at 1 p.m. and is due here on Mar. 19 at about 8 a.m.

The O. A. S. s.s. "Victoria" will leave here for Melbourne via Suez and Aden on Mar. 15.

The O. A. S. s.s. "Sumatra Maru" left Moji on Feb. 29 and will be due here on Mar. 15 p.m.

The B. I. s.s. "Warina" left Bangkok for this port on Mar. 10 a.m. and is due here on Mar. 18 at about a.m.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Lyons Maru" (Liverpool Line) left Singapore for Hongkong on Mar. 10 and is expected here on Mar. 18.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Matsunoto Maru" (Hankow Line) left Singapore for Hongkong on Mar. 10 and is expected here on Mar. 18.

The B. F. s.s. "Telradia" for London, Rotterdam and Antwerp left Shanghai on Mar. 13 for this port and is due here on Mar. 18 at about a.m.

The A. O. L. s.s. "Pres. Madison" is due here at 7 a.m. on Mar. 15, and will sail for Victoria and Seattle via Shanghai and Japan on Mar. 17.

The B. I. s.s. "Benild" from Midland, Antwerp and London left Singapore for this port on Mar. 19 and may be expected to arrive here on or about Mar. 21.

The A. O. L. s.s. "Pres. McKinley" which is due at this port on Mar. 18 sailed from Yokohama for Kobe on Mar. 10 on schedule.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Bakusan Maru" (European Eastern Line) left Kobe for Hongkong via Moji and Shanghai on Mar. 9 and is expected here on Mar. 18.

The B. F. s.s. "Sarpedon" left Liverpool on Feb. 17 for Penang, Singapore, Hongkong and Shanghai and is due here on Mar. 18.

The O. A. S. s.s. "Shunko Maru" left Moji on Mar. 23 and will be due here on Mar. 24.

The U.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan, ports and Shanghai, on Mar. 6 and is due here on Mar. 24.

The O. A. S. s.s. "Pres. Adams" which is due at Hongkong on Mar. 31 sailed from San Francisco on Mar. 1 on schedule.

The B. F. s.s. "Thosias" left Rotterdam on Feb. 23 for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan and is due here on or about Mar. 31.

The B. F. s.s. "Helios" left Liverpool on Mar. 2 for Straits, Hongkong and Shanghai and is due here on or about Apr. 7.

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BILLIARDS.

CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW.

The draw in connection with the Colony's Billiard Championship was announced last night as follows:—
1st Round: F. C. Kwok, bye.
Game 1.—C. N. Tsang v. P. S. Leong, to be played on March 24.
Game 2.—Ho Shi-cheong v. R. Luz, March 25.
Game 3.—E. D. da Rosa v. T. T. Yik, March 26.
Game 4.—Major Gandy v. K. K. Leong, March 27.
Game 5.—C. Earnshaw v. H. C. Balchin, March 28.
Game 6.—E. W. Spry v. P. Yvanovitch, March 31.
L. A. Osmund, bye.

In the second round, Kwok meets the winner of game No. 1 on April 1st; winners of games No. 2 and 3 meet on the 2nd; winners of games 4 and 5 on the 3rd; and L. A. Osmund plays the winner of the 6th game on the 4th April. The semi-finals are due for the 7th and 8th of April, the date of the final to be notified later.

The games will be 800 points in the preliminary rounds, and 1000 points in the semi-finals and final. In each case they will be played in two sections, to commence at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. respectively.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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WEEKLY NOTES AND COMMENT.

A glance at the league tables below will show how the different teams stand in both divisions of the league. Those in the senior division play each other once while the second division teams play return matches. Therefore the University, Indian and Civil Service first eleven have completed their fixtures. Of the three the University (last year's Champions) have a bare chance of retaining the trophy while the others cannot win. If memory serves aright, Civil Service and the Indians tied for third place with the H.K.C.C. second. The latter have to play Kowloon and a draw would give them the championship. If they lose they will probably play off with the Varsity whom they beat earlier in the season in a league match.

In the junior section the Sappers have two more matches to complete their league programme and they will need the six points from those two games to stave off the Navy and XI who are second, but have five matches in hand.

With the Indian XI losing their unbeaten record, only the H.K.C.C. 1st XI and the Navy 2nd XI have not tasted defeat. Every team has played in a drawn match and the two Chinese elevens are the only ones without a victory. Despite a series of defeats the Chinese teams have shown improvement and with their share of the luck, they will bring off a surprise yet.

There are some who consider the team fielded on Saturday, the strongest the Club can turn out for a league match. Of course there are other members who belong to the H.K.C.C. but they represent other clubs in the competition. The eleven that did duty for the Indian also gave the appearance of comprising the best they have had there was little room for improvement in the University eleven. On the other hand, the Civil Service missed Sayer and de Rome and Reed was called to duty at the last moment. An opinion was voiced on the ground that even if Reed had played the Club could not have been dismissed for a smaller score as Hamilton did very well, reminiscent of his old days. One supporter argued that Reed is not nearly as good as he was, that his bowling lacked sting and variety and pointed to his accomplishments this season in support. However, that is a matter of personal opinion but I think most critics will agree that Reed has one peculiarity which is that if he takes wickets in the first over or two he is almost sure to do well but if he gets knocked about, he is liable to go off.

Glancing at the records I find that Civil Service only beat the Navy of the stronger teams. This victory was decisive by 6 wickets and 55 runs. Two other home victories were from the C.R.C. by 94 runs and Craigengower 132 runs. Playing away, they beat Kowloon by 155 runs. They drew with the Indians at Sookumpoo when they had 150 for 6 after the I.R.C. had declared at 0 for 101. The R.G.A. surprised them by winning at Hinny Valley by 26 runs (their first league defeat this season) and from this they never really recovered although strengthened by players returned from leave. Their last two matches were lost, that with the Varsity (at home), by 2 wickets and 72 runs and last Saturday on the H.K.C.C. ground by 41 runs.

Their biggest score was made against the C.R.C. (212 at home). The smallest home total was 82 (University) and away 83 (Club). Craigengower they dismissed for 61 and Kowloon for 41 but all the others scored over 100 against what had been described as the best attack in the Colony. Sayer (209 in 7 innings), Wood 171-8 de Rome 167-4, Sutherland 113-4 and Evans 111-5, were the principal run-getters of the side.

Sayer compiled the only century, viz., 107 against the C.R.C. at home, on October 27.

Scores of 50 or over made by: de Rome 52, 97; Wickett 58; Bird took 12 of the wickets, Ling 12, Evans 12, Sayer 11 and Baker 7.

BATTING.

FIRST DIVISION.

	No. of Innings	Highest Score	Average
Paffard (N.)	5	86	18.8
Parrell (N.)	6	72	18.6
Pearce (H.K.)	5	94	18.8
Owen Hughes	5	61	12.8
de Rome (C.S.)	4	97	16.7
A.A. Rumjahn (U)	10	110	32.9
I.S. Curran (I)	5	81	15.7
More (H.K.)	6	97	21.0
O. Ismail (I)	8	44	23.7
Quirk (U.)	8	58	19.2
Roffey (U.)	7	37	12.3
Sayer (C.S.)	7	107	20.9
Wood (C.S.)	8	171	28.5

Bradbury (Craig)	7	41	14.2	28.40
A. H. Madar (I.)	5	52	15.8	26.33
Balhetet (U.)	8	74	17.9	24.29
A. el Arculli (I.)	6	34	7.1	23.66
Ponsonby				
Fane (U.)	5	45	9.2	23.00
S. H. Ismail (I.)	5	50	18.3	22.87
Robinson (K.)	5	31	8.9	22.25
B. D. Evans (C.S.)	5	43	11.1	22.20
E. G. Lammer				
(H.K.)	5	30	9.4	21.33
Wickett (C.S.)	5	58	7.2	20.50

SECOND DIVISION.

H. D. Rumjahn	(I.)	8	72	19.9	33.17
Harris (N.)	9	131	20.7	29.57	
Gandy (R.E.)	13	108	34.9	29.08	
O. Rumjahn (I.)	10	67	21.9	27.37	
Hagen (H.K.)	10	47	21.8	27.12	
Harper (C.S.)	13	60	32.0	26.67	
Nash (R.A.M.C.)	9	59	20.3	25.37	
Reid (H.K.)	7	65	14.7	24.50	
Walker	(R.A.M.C.)	10	48	24.2	24.20
Piercy (H.K.)	9	56	18.9	23.62	
Fraser (K.)	7	36	15.4	22.00	
Osmian (U.)	6	49	12.8	21.33	
D. Rumjahn (I.)	9	50	16.5	20.62	

BOWLING.

FIRST DIVISION.

	Wickets	Average
Webster (H.K.)	12	5.75
E. G. Lammer (H.K.)	24	5.96
Bowker (H.K.)	14	7.14
Sayer (C.S.)	11	7.73
Bird (C.S.)	17	8.53
Gould (N.)	12	8.92
B. D. Evans (C.S.)	12	9.00
A. el Arculli (I.)	26	9.50
A. H. Madar (I.)	13	9.85
Balhetet (U.)	20	10.40
Omar (I.)	17	10.47
F. M. el Arculli (I.)	9	10.89
Quirk (U.)	15	11.12
Ponfret (N.)	15	11.50
A. A. Rumjahn (U.)	19	11.89
Brown (K.)	11	6.45
Perry (R.A.M.C.)	8	6.67
Jacob (R.E.)	46	7.48
Walker (R.A.M.C.)	39	7.97
Hogg (N.)	21	8.29
Lajing (U.)	19	9.58
Overy (K.)	19	9.58
A.R.P. Raven (K.)	14	10.21
Reid (H.K.)	19	10.32
Sari (C.S.)	53	10.53
Sirdar Khan (I.)	22	10.82
Hagen (H.K.)	12	11.67
Balhetet (U.)	24	11.83
Hoopell (N.)	11	11.91

LEAGUE TABLE.

FIRST DIVISION.

	T	W	L	D	P
H.K.C.C.	7	6	0	1	19
University	8	6	1	1	19
Indian R.C.	8	5	1	2	17
Civil Service	8	4	3	1	13
Navy	7	3	3	1	10
Kowloon C.C.	7	2	4	1	7
Craigengower	7	1	5	1	4
R.G.A.	7	1	5	1	4
Chinese R.C.	7	0	6	1	1
Royal Engineers	14	10	1	3	33
Navy 2nd	9	8	0	1	25
Civil Service 2nd	14	6	5	2	20
University 2nd	12	5	5	2	17
R.A.M.C.	10	5	4	1	16
H.K.C.C. 2nd	12	4	4	4	16
Indians 2nd	11	3	5	3	12
Kowloon 2nd	11	2	7	2	8
Chinese 2nd	13	0	11	2	2

League Records This Season.

Highest Individual Score: 1st division, Sayer (Civil Service) 7 wickets for 23 runs in 6 overs (7 maidens); Quirk (University) 7 wickets for 23 runs in 12 overs (4 maidens); Bird (Civil Service) 2 wickets for 57 runs in 13 overs (4 maidens); Rough (R.G.A.) 7 wickets for 49 runs in 14 overs (2 maidens); Gould (Navy) 7 wickets for 16 runs in 6.5 overs and B.D. Evans (Civil Service) 7 wickets for 11 runs in 6.2 overs (2 maidens); 2nd division, Sara (Civil Service) 8 wickets for 35 runs in 11.3 overs and Lajing (University) 8 wickets for 25 runs in 15.5 overs (7 maidens).

Biggest Aggregate: 1st division, A. A. Rumjahn (University) 329; 2nd division Gandy (R.E.) 349 runs.

Most wickets to date: 1st division, A. el Arculli (Indians) 26; 2nd division, Sara (Civil Service) 53.

Biggest Innings to date: 1st division, H.K.C.C. 221 for 3 (declared) against Craigengower; 2nd division, H.K.C.C. 2nd XI 232 against C.R.C. 2nd XI.

Smallest Innings to date: 1st division, R.G.A. 33 against Navy; 2nd division, C.R.C. 32 against R. E. and Kowloon 2nd XI 32 against R.E.

Sergeant Alexander of the Police Recreation Club, who has just returned from Home leave, tells me that he was present at most of the big county cricket matches last season. He will be remembered as one of the best all rounders in the police eleven and the most prolific batsman. Asked about his opinion as to English cricket he said that from what he saw, it had made some improvement and the players at Home would give the Australians a good fight the next time they visited. An innings of 270 by Woolley of Kent he thought to be about the best batting performance he saw and was loud in his praises of the fireworks put up especially after the 200 mark had been passed.

Summarised records of the other clubs which have completed their league fixtures will be given during the following weeks.

W. P. C.

MAH-JONGG.

WEEKLY NOTES AND COMMENT.

"ALL GREEN" AND "BAMBOO" HANDS EXPLAINED.

(By "Silk Jar Woo.")

Readers of the China Mail desiring information about the game in all its phases or wishing to have any point cleared up, are invited to send their inquiries to this office and replies will be published in this column on Thursday. Correspondence is invited.

"A European Player" writes to the "Singapore Free Press" decrying the poor play of Singaporeans at Mah-Jongg and the lack of knowledge of the game and of the scoring. He admits there are no standard rules but omits to show in what way people can get to play better save by the painful method of learning by experience. The "Free Press" says that his letter therefore seems to serve no helpful end which would justify the space required to publish it.

Three weeks ago a reader asked for information as to the method of scoring for a self-draw chow and the next week another reader pointed out that the observation I made was unusual. All along it has been my contention that for the good of the game a standard set of rules must be drawn up, and it has been mentioned that what was given was merely observed by some players but not necessarily all. There is no divergence of opinion as to the fundamental rules of Mah-Jongg but "local rules" and decisions on side-issues are abundant. As previously pointed out, the only solution lies in forming a Hongkong league on the basis of the one at Home when definite rules can be laid down for all contingencies. It only remains for a number of enthusiasts to come forward to start the ball, or rather the dice, rolling. If sufficient numbers are forthcoming, the object could be easily attained. A number of Chinese first-class players have promised their assistance in framing rules which will cover every point likely to arise.

Answer to Query. A friend who admits that "he plays a little" has asked for information as to what is generally recognised in Chinese clubs regarding the bamboo and "all green" hands. He was uncertain as to the number of "faans" or doublers, each denomination stood for. As there may be others who are in doubt the following explanation may be of use to beginners. Unlike other peculiarities of the game, practically every Chinese player is agreed on these points.

An "all green" hand counts as a maximum score if completed. That is to say, all fourteen cards must have green and no other colour. It will be noticed that some of the bamboos have red and green while others are entirely green. The green dragon, irrespective of the character used, is always green and nothing else. The one of bamboos, sometimes a bird and or a bamboo shoot, invariably has red on it. The two, three and four are all green. The five will have red on it, usually red edging. The six is all green but the seven is not. The eight is also all green while the red has green. Therefore an "all green" hand must compose sets or consequences of the 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 of bamboos and/or the green dragon. For example, a completed hand could be 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 8, 8 of bamboos and a pair of green dragons, or again, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4; three green dragons and a pair of 6 or 8 of bamboos to make the eyes. This would be a proper hand. If another dragon or wind was held instead of the green dragon, this would only be a "Mixed one-coloured numerals", ranking one "faan"; even if the other cards in the hand were all "green" bamboos they would rank no higher than if they were part red and green colour.

It is generally accepted that if a player has nine "all green" cards laid down, another player who discards an "all green" for him to chow or "pung" he incurs the same penalties as for a "Proper one-coloured numeral", "The Three Great Scholars," or "Four Blessings Hand" as previously explained in this column.

Should a completed hand of all bamboos include even one card that has red on it, this will only rank as a "Proper one-coloured numeral" hand, equal to three "faans", with the same penalties for those who discard after nine or more have been laid on the table. A completed hand made up of bamboos, whether all green or green and red, or both, and including some of the super cards (dragons and/or winds) counts as a "Mixed one-coloured

OBITUARY.

MRS. WILLIAM JARVIS.

The deepest sympathy will be extended to Mr. William Jarvis of the Chinese Maritime Customs in the tragic loss of his wife to whom he had only been married nineteen days. The late Mrs. Jarvis died of small-pox yesterday morning after an illness of only a short duration. Mrs. Jarvis arrived in Hongkong on February 22 by the s.s. "City of York" and was married the same day at St. Joseph's Church. The honeymoon was spent at Hongkong and six days later, the couple left for Lin Tin Island where Mr. Jarvis was stationed for duty. On March 5, Mrs. Jarvis was taken ill and upon removal to hospital in Hongkong her illness was diagnosed as small-pox.

The late Mrs. Jarvis was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Read, who are well-known residents of Stratford, London. She was just 25 years of age. Much sympathy will be felt for Mr. Jarvis in his very sad bereavement.

The funeral took place yesterday evening at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, a large gathering of mourners attending the graveside. The Rev. Father Augustine, who had officiated at the marriage, conducted the burial service.

CHOICE OF A CALIPH.

TERRITET, MARCH 11.

The ex-Caliph has addressed a message to Mussulmans all over the world protesting against the abolition of the Caliphate by the impious decision of the present majority in the Turkish National Assembly. He describes the measure as fundamentally sacrilegious and null and void, and states the Moslem world had unanimously approved his election a year and a half ago, and it alone is entitled to pronounce upon the question.

Consequently he has invited the authorised chiefs and representatives of the Moslem communities all over the world to communicate proposals and concrete contributions as early as possible for the assembling of a grand religious inter-Islamic congress, which he proposes to convocate at the most opportune time and place in order to adopt the decision required by the situation.—Reuter.

CHINA AND THE SOVIETS.

RECOGNITION A MATTER OF DAYS.

PEKING, March 12th.

A special meeting of the Cabinet, held this morning and attended by all the members of the Cabinet and Dr. C. T. Wang, exclusively considered Sino-Russian relations. It is understood that an agreement was reached regarding the principles which would be the basis for negotiations with the Soviet representative.

Chinese circles are confident that recognition is only a question of days.—Reuter.

London, March 11.—In the Scottish league match Rangers v. Hearts, the former team won by one goal to nil.—Reuter.

Castlegates, March 11.—The total of bodies recovered from the burning mine is now 113. It seems certain at this juncture that 173 people perished.—Reuter.

Bombay, March 11.—The Enquiry Committee's report in connection with the mill strike, says that the profit and loss account for the mills in 1923 justified the millowners' decision not to pay a bonus.—Reuter.

Reuter cables from London that Admiral Sir H. F. Oliver replaces Admiral Sir J. M. de Robeck as Commander of the Atlantic Fleet and Sir Michael Vice-Admiral Culme-Seymour replaces Admiral Sir H. F. Oliver in the Second Sea Lordship.

numeral" hand and ranks one "faan" in addition to the others that may be reckoned for the dragons or winds or other specials, which would be obtained in the ordinary course of the game. There is no penalty for a "Mixed one-coloured numeral" hand.

Ten Or Twenty Point Basis? "Rufus" writes to ask which would be more fascinating, the ten-point or twenty-point basis? This, I think, is a matter for personal opinion, but experienced players will admit that a different policy has to be adopted for each basis. In other words, one's strategy would have to be shaped accordingly, and it is almost impossible in the space of this column to explain what is meant. If "Rufus" wishes, he can see an actual demonstration. Next week, I shall give briefly, a few points in which the play as conducted by good players, is different.

NOTABLE ACTING.

"CARMEN" AT THE GORONET THEATRE.

Feline, alluring, tigerish, lovable, reckless—these are among the sharply contrasted adjectives that come into the mind when seeking to describe Pola Negri as she portrays Carmen in "Gypsy Blood," the remarkable film version of Prosper Merimee's novel which will be screened at the Goronet Theatre for the last time this evening. Certainly this clever actress is astonishingly versatile for she depicts every emotion with equal skill, whether she is Carmen the seductive beauty luring men to their ruin, Carmen the daring outlaw taking a leading part in the smugglers' mountain fight with the soldiers, or Carmen the frail woman being done to death by a madly jealous lover at the very moment her matador is being hailed in triumph after killing his fiercest bull. With Pola Negri's passionate acting alone, "Gypsy Blood" stands forth an unusual picture, but it has the further claims of lavish setting and singularly appropriate music from the opera.

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Lady Stubbs, accompanied by Miss Robina Addis and Mrs. Galsford St. Lawrence, leave in the R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" tomorrow on a short visit to Peking. On her way through, on Saturday next, Lady Stubbs will open a Ministering Children's League Bazaar in Shanghai. Lady Stubbs and party return to Hongkong in the s.s. "Khyber", which is due on Saturday, April 5.

To-night H. E. the Governor will be present at the Band Concert to be given at the City Hall.

On Friday afternoon, His Excellency, attended by Captain R. Neville, A.D.C., will attend the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Victoria's reception at the City Hall.

On Friday, March 21, and on Monday, March 24, His Excellency will entertain a number of Chinese residents to dinner at Government House.

On Friday, March 28, His Excellency, attended by Captain R. Neville, A.D.C., will be present at the dinner given by the members of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of the retirement of His Honour Sir William Rees-Davies.

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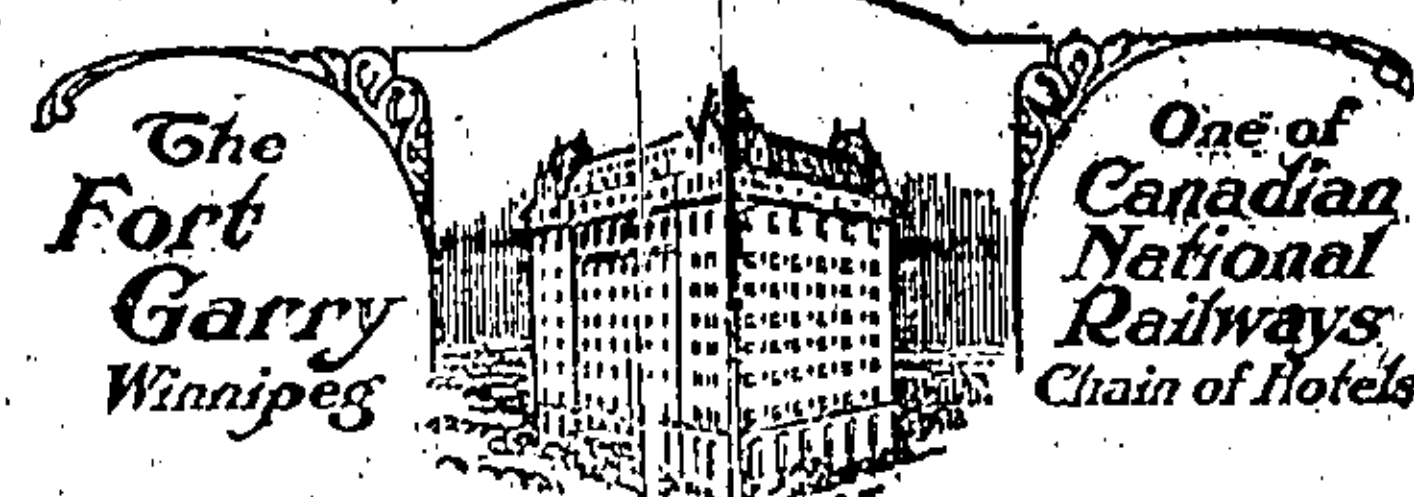
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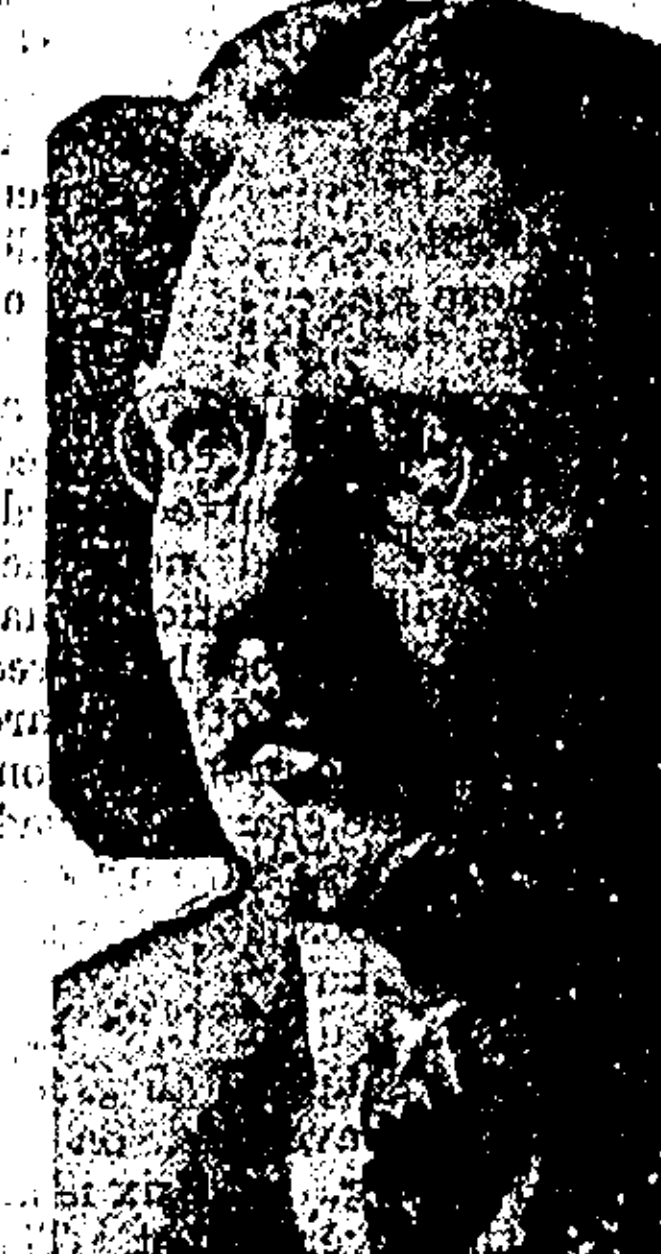
A Renter cable from Chicago received here this morning announces that Jack Dempsey will meet Firpo in a return match on March 21.



Norman H. Davis, Under Secretary of State in the Wilson Administration, who has announced he will accept the offer of the League of Nations to serve as Chairman of a new commission which is to decide the international problem growing out of the territory of Memel.



William H. Anderson, New York, state superintendent of the Anti-Slavery League, who was recently sentenced in New York on a charge of third degree forgery, arising from irregularities in the accounts of the League.



President Schacht of the Reichsbank of Germany. He was recently before the reparation experts in regard to Germany's financial condition.

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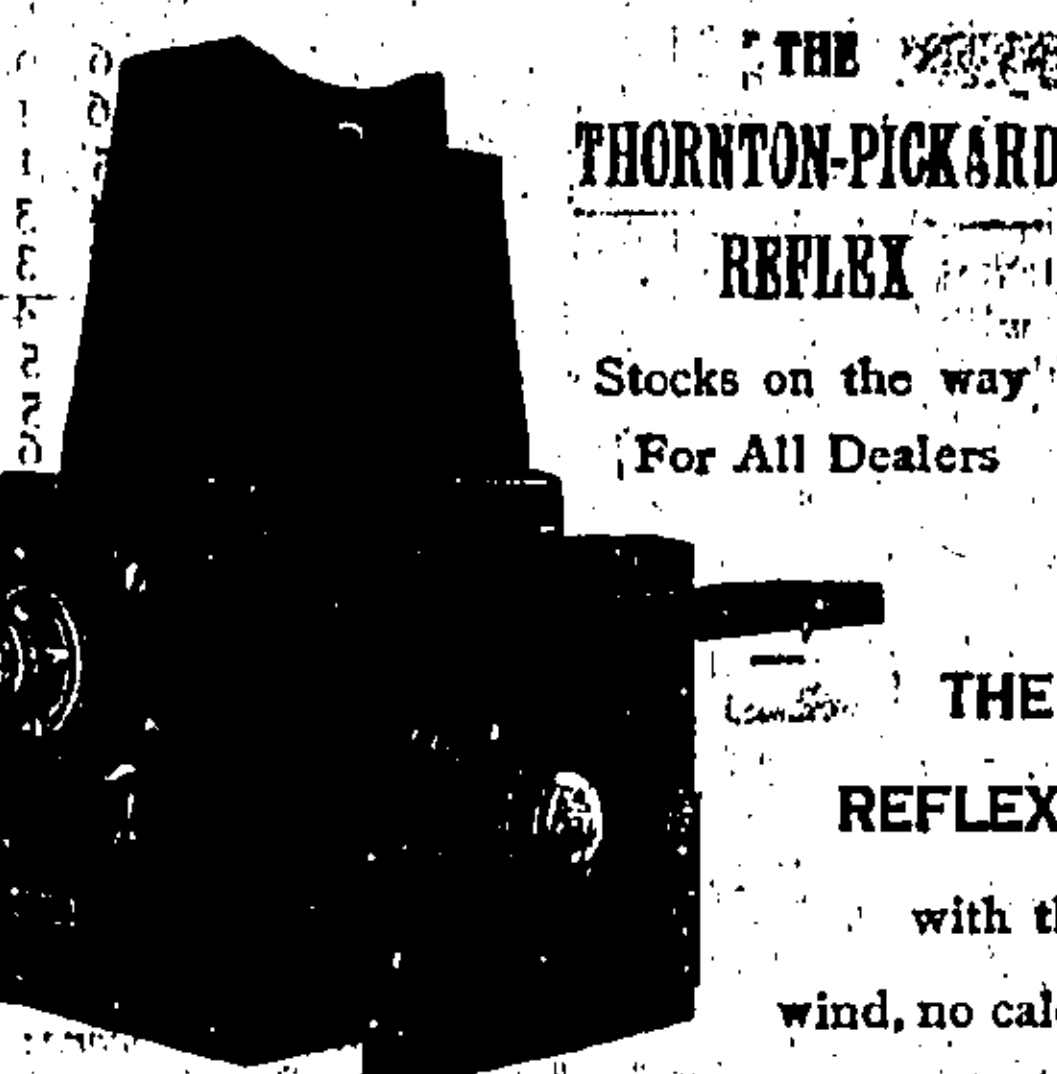
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